

Art Unit: 2112

Claim 19 on page 4 of the amendment originally filed January 19, 2006 "when said connection port is being used by said host controller" has been replaced with -- when said first connection port is being used by said host controller--.

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Claim 19 on page ⁵/₄ of the amendment originally filed January 19, 2006 "when said connection port is not being used by said host controller" has been replaced with -- when said first connection port is not being used by said host controller--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant alleges, in the Remarks filed January 19, 2006, "As shown very clearly in Fig. 2B, however, such timer-based alternate operation is effected by Hannah's apparatus through an altogether different communication link from that utilized for the host controller (page 8 of 10)." Furthermore, applicant alleges on page 9 of the Remarks filed January 19, 2006, "This teaches diametrically away from any method which looks to 'whether a connection is established through ... [a] connection port,' and examines 'whether said connection is established within ... [a] predetermined waiting period for reconfiguration of said connection port responsive thereto,' as Claim 14 now clarifies." Applicant's arguments are persuasive and the rejections of claim 14, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been withdrawn. The Hannah reference teaches, "...in each of the illustrated embodiments, the host controller and peripheral devices are respectively connected to Hannah's USB hub through different respective ports, using communication links respectively dedicated thereto (applicant's Remarks page 8)" and therefore does not teach and/or